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Title : Need to enhance the budget allocation under National Family Benefit Scheme to cover all the BPL families under the scheme.

SHRIMATI BOTCHA JHANSI LAKSHMI (VIZIANAGARAM): Madam speaker, the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS) provides a lump sum family benefit of Rs. 10,000 to the bereaved household in case of death of the primary bread winner irrespective of the cause of death. This scheme is applicable to all the eligible persons in the age group of 18-64.

As a matter of fact, this amount has been fixed some time in 2001. Now the cost of living has gone up. The number of families under the BPL has increased. There is a need to link this scheme with inflation.

There is also a need to conduct resurvey to identify the BPL families. With the limited budget under the NFBS, the State Governments are not able to meet the demands of the 100 per cent BPL families. Presently, they are able to cater to the 60 per cent of the BPL families. The remaining 40 per cent is left out.

Therefore, through this august House, I would request the Government of India to enhance the budget under this scheme to cover all the BPL bereaved households in case of accidental death at work sites or health wise.